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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/065,763	Applicant(s) MAMBAKKAM ET AL.	
	Examiner Hung v Duong	Art Unit 2835	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-7 recites the limitation "a memory card" in claim 1, line 2, and "a memory card" in claim 1, line 3, are they the same memory card? There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5, 7-10, 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nagel (US Pat. 6,173, 405).

Regarding claims 1-5, 7-10, 12 Nagel discloses in figure 1, a memory card interface apparatus comprising: a bay to receive a memory card 24 for accessing data stored on the card; and a separate storage cavity 26 configured to store a memory card

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24 wherein the cavity 26 includes an aperture providing access to remove a card 24 from the storage cavity 26 wherein the cavity includes an element protruding out a side of the storage cavity 26 to retain a card within the storage cavity 26 wherein the apparatus includes at least a second separate storage cavity 28 configured to store a memory card 34 wherein the apparatus includes at least a third separate storage cavity 30 configured to store a memory card 34 wherein the apparatus is configured to attach to a separate add-on configuration, the separate add-on configuration providing storage for additional memory cards.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 6, 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagel (US Pat. 6,173, 405) in view of Liebenow et al. (US Pat. 6,190,182).

Regarding claims 6, 11, Nagel discloses all the subject all the subject matter of the claimed inventions except for wherein the apparatus comprises a tower configuration.

However, Liebenow et al teach the apparatus comprises a tower configuration (see figure 5). Therefore, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill to modify an apparatus

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comprises a tower configuration of Liebenow et al into Chen's apparatus as applicant's invention in order to be conveniently to use two card at the same time.

Response to Amendment

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Wei et al. (US Pat. 6,246,578) teach computer-dedicated auxiliary data access device.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hung Duong whose telephone number is (571) 272-2041. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8:30 to 5:00PM.

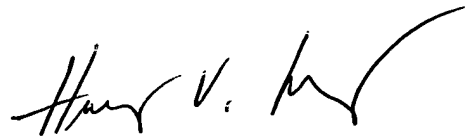
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg, can be reached on (571) 272-2044. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9306.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956

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Hung Duong
Patent Examiner